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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL TO MAKE DRAWINGS CHANGES

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Applicants respectfully request approval to amend the drawings in the above-identified patent application as illustrated on the attached copies of Figures 13. These amendments comprise adding a label entitled: FIG. 13. These changes are submitted along with the accompanying Amendment responsive to the Office Action dated June 3, 2004. This request is submitted in duplicate. Favorable consideration and approval of these drawings changes is respectfully requested.

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1001 790	2001 395			Utility filing fee	
1002 350	2002 175			Design filing fee	
1003 550	2003 275			Plant filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Independent Claims	Multiple Dependent	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
			-20** =	X 18 =	0
			- 3** =	X 88 =	0

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1202 18	2202 9			Claims in excess of 20
1201 88	2201 44			Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 300	2203 150			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 88	2204 44			** Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
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1051 130	2051 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215	Extension for reply within second month	490
1253 980	2253 490	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 765	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1,040	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170	Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,370	2501 685	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 490	2502 245	Design issue fee	
1503 660	2503 330	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
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1810 790	2810 395	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 790	2801 395	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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